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#### TO OUR PATRONS AND PRIENDS

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Gardens and flowers are essential in many peoples' lives. They double the beauty of a home and are an asset to the community. Consequently, our popular flowers will continue to increase in popularity, and dahlias are not the least among these, for whereever the love of flowers abounds dahlias will always have a prominent place.

Much of the present spirit is due, no doubt, to such organizations as the one about which I am going to tell you briefly.

The Flower Lovers' Club of San Jose, California, was organized some years ago with a dozen enthusiastic members; today there are nearly 2000 members. Its one object is to make more beautiful the surroundings of Santa Clara Valley homes. There are no dues of any kind. Bi-weekly meetings are held for the discussion of timely subjects. Six free shows of garden flowers are held yearly, one each in January, March, May, July, September and November. One need only observe the beautiful home gardens to ascertain whether the Club has been successful.

Perhaps this will serve to remind some other community that has not yet developed such an organization. We believe it will be worth your while.

C. W. BALLAY.

#### COLLECTIONS

We are offering special collections at \$5.00, \$10.00 and \$15.00 per dozen. These contain only the best varieties, labeled true to name, and all different.

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#### ORDER EARLY

To avoid disappointment in case the variety desired should be sold out, orders should be sent in as early as possible. We do not substitute without permission, but it is well to mention a second choice so that we may substitute if our stock of the desired variety is depleted. Shipments are made about April '1st.

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#### **GUARANTEE**

We guarantee that all tubers are sent true to name and in good growing condition. We should be notified at once of anything not satisfactory. Prices are for field grown divided tubers.

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#### **TERMS**

Remittance should be made with order. All retail orders are delivered prepaid. C. O. D. orders not accepted unless accompanied by at least 25% of the amount of the order.

FULL DIRECTIONS for the care of your dahlia garden are enclosed with each order.

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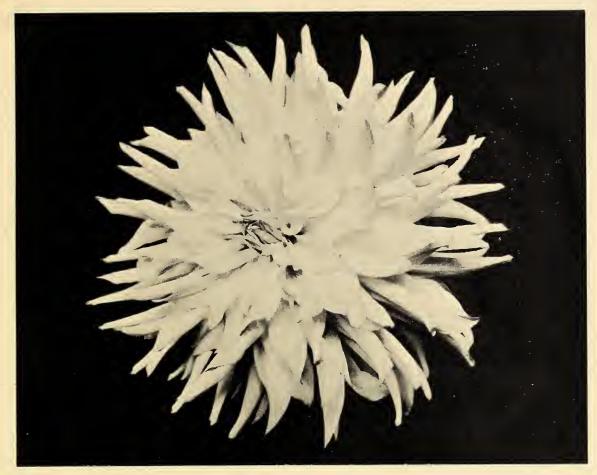
# New and Rare Varieties FOR THE 1926 GARDEN

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being entirely different in color from any of the other autumn-tinted dahlias with which	
bines so well. In the garden it is unsurpassed, the numerous, large blooms being held up	oright on
strong, straight stems	
BEAU BRUMMEL—(Dec.) Royal Purple. A low growing variety that is a heavy producer	
deep blooms. The color is rare, and the variety in a general way reminds one of a	VCTV CX-
aggerated, bright Purple Manitou	
EL GRANADA—(Hyb. Cac.) True bright orange with a light yellow reverse. It is needless	
erate the good qualities of this dahlia, for it has them all. Sufficient to say that no	
flowers is more sought after than a glowing orange, and that this glorious hybrid is	not only
of the largest size but is also a most artistically formed flower. Furthermore, it is	a variety
that will stand the warmest sunshine unusually well. Gold medal prize winner in 1924	\$10.00
ELLINOR VANDERVEER-(Dec.) Glowing rose pink. An exceptionally beautiful new	lahlia of
great size, and with all the other qualities necessary to place a dahlia in the higher	est class.
Requires little disbudding and will produce large flowers freely to the end of the so	
1925 introduction	
FAITH GARIBALDI—(Dec.) Clear rose pink. The new gold medal dahlia that won the	
year at the Palace Hotel Show for the best fifty blooms. Growing in our garden i	
model of perfection. The flowers were of the largest size and best formation, the stems	
stout, the bushes loaded with blooms. Likewise, it is a good keeper when cut	\$7.50
GRENADIER-(Dec.) "Purplish maroon combined with silver" is the originator's description	of this
giant dahlia. The top of the petals are purple and are quilled and turned back in such	a manner
as to plainly show the lighter reverse side. This unique coloring and formation empha	sises the
beauty of this excellent new dahlia. A generous producer of fine blooms	\$10.00
HIS MAJESTY-(Dec.) Bright red. There are a great many red dahlias, but not all of	
really good oncs. The shade of this new dahlia is bright but conservative. It is large	
blooms freely, did not burn in the sunshine, and the stem is straight and firm. It was	
best of its color in our garden and we think it is hard to beat	
IONE HASLAM—(Pcony). Brightest scarlet. The largest bloom we measured in the garden	-
was of this variety—about 12 inches in diameter. This particular flower was too heavy for	
but ordinarily the stem was straight and strong. The long, broad petals are graces	
around a beautiful peony type center	\$5.00
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### Decorative Dahlias

Double flowers, full to the center, usually with broad, flat, loosely formed petals.

AIBONITA—Lavender pink shading to yellow at the center. Large full flower and free bloomer, \$1.50
AL KORAN—Golden yellow. Big, bold flower with long, wavy petals, which stands very creet on long rigid stems. The plant is a tall, vigorous grower \$3.00
AMUN RA—Golden copper deepening to a rich, reddish bronze. A sensational dahlia of tremendous size that is unsurpassed for exhibiting and very useful for cutting. It is of novel formation and most brilliantly colored
ARROW OF GOLD—Pure gold shading deeper at the center and lighter on the outer petals. A pro- fuse bloomer of good flowers on nice stems for cutting \$2.50
AURORA B—Royal purple and white. The large flower is very double and is a combination of the decorative and collarette types. The large petals are purple and the small ones between them white. A very pretty novelty
BLACK JACK—Deep maroon, almost black. Darkest of all dahlias and a robust grower. The flowers are large and stems good. Decidedly attractive \$3.50
BON—Dark red. Large, deep bloom held on top of extra long stem. Fine for cutting because of its color and keeping qualities
CADIZ—Reddish orange with reflex of gold. A brilliant color combination and a constant bloomer.  New and good\$4.00
CALIFORNIA SUPERBA—Delicate pink shading to white at the center. The pctals are long and narrow and form an exquisite flower of great size. A good light pink dahlia\$3.50
CARMENCITA—Yellow lightly striped with red. A large, gracefully formed flower, profuse bloomer, excellent for cutting \$1.00
CHAMPAGNE—Dull, golden champagne. An entrancing color and an irresistible dahlia in every way.  Very large flower, extra long strong stem, lasts a long time on the bush as well as when cut.  A world beater that is living up to its reputation
CHOU—Bright rose pink shaded white. The first flowers were very large and regular but the paler color predominated and some blooms showed multiple buds. As the season advanced it proved to be a very satisfactory variety
DR. TEVIS-Blending of old rose and old gold. Large flower, strong stem. Popular and good75c
EARL WILLIAMS—Bright scarlet regularly tipped white. A most striking color combination and a first-class dahlia in every way. Good fancy dahlias are few and this one is especially meritorious
EL DORADO—Pure gold. It would be hard to improve upon the color, and its size, formation and stem, make it a popular variety with dahlia levers. \$7.50
ELIZA CLARK BULL—Pure white. The largest and best white decorative that we have ever grown.  Good white dahlias are rare and this one has been a consistent prize winner in various localities.  Received first prize as the best flower in the 1925 San Jose Dahlia Show
GOLDEN GLOW—Golden apricot shading to yellow at the center. The long pointed petals produce a large flower of unusual formation, which is held on a long strong stem
HALVELLA—Rose pink. A brightly colored dahlia of good size and stem that is very satisfactory as a cut flower
INSULINDE—Rich golden orange with bronze shadings. It is held on top of a long strong stem like a chrysanthemum. The petals are broad and most artistically waved and curled
JERSEY'S BEAUTY—Light rose pink. An excellent eastern dahlia of an unusual and beautiful shade.  It cannot be said to be of enormous size, but the color, formation and stem are most nearly perfect. Has been much admired by visitors
JUDGE MAREAN—Deep rose pink shading to gold and yellow. There is a veritable riot of color in this beautiful flower, which is a low growing free blooming variety
JUNIOR—Pure Lavender. An enormous flower with incurved petals that is an improvement over its popular parent, Millionaire. The plant also is taller and freer in blooming
J. W. DAVIES—Deep cerise in the center gradually shading to a lighter tint. Best possible formation and stem. This dahlia resembles Rookwood in many respects, although of much deeper coloring. \$3.00
KITTIE DUNLAP—Cerise rose, the shade of the American Beauty rose. Very large, perfectly formed, long strong stem, constant bloomer, excellent keeping qualities when cut. We have used this dahlia to particular advantage in all our exhibits. \$2.50
LADY BETTY—Cream, quite heavily suffused with pink. A low growing bush that blooms freely on good stems. A showy and useful variety
LA MASCOTTE—Silvery white with a deep violet reverse. A large and uncommon dahlia good for every purpose. \$1.50
LE GRANDE MANITOU-Purple and white variegated, sometimes comes solid purple50c
LOTUS—Light orange. Free blooming variety of the new shape, having incurved petals. Favorite cut flower. \$1.00



HYBRID CACTUS TYPE

MEPHISTOPHELES—Ruby red. Good sized flower on extra good stem. It differs in color and general appearance from any other dahlia we have seen, and so is desirable because it is unusual\$2.00
M. H. DeYOUNG—Old gold. One of the very best dahlias. The oddly formed deep bloom is of the most popular color and it is held high out of the bush on the best of stems. The flowers are produced in great abundance throughout the entire season. As it is an excellent keeper, it is grown extensively for commercial purposes
MILIONAIRE—Lavender. One of the largest dahlias. Very popular
MR. CROWLEY—Brightest salmon pink shading to yellow at the base of the petals. Good sized flower on strong but rather short stems. It is a very distinctive coloring and if planted in the outside row, will be very attractive in the garden
MRS. CARL SALBACH—Lavender pink. Very large with stout stems and good keeping qualities. It is a standard of the first rank and is recommended for all purposes
MRS. E. A. OLIVER—Clear old rose with a gold suffusion. A very nicely formed large decorative of a most pleasing color. Stems are long and wiry and the bushes were covered with blooms, \$3.00
MRS. I. DE VER WARNER—Bright mauve pink. A delightful free blooming variety of large size and excellent stem. It blends splendidly with other pinks, and we can recommend it as a first class cut flower, as well as garden variety
MRS. JESSIE K. PRESCOTT—Deep orange at the center gradually shading lighter on the rows of outer petals. A very brilliant and pleasing dahlia that would be admired anywhere. Its rich coloring is the outstanding characteristic, but it is a high class dahlia in all respects
NOBILIS—Combination of white and red. It differs from Earl Williams in that the white predominates. Pleasing variety with good habit
OSAM SHUDOW—Old rose shading to yellow at the center. Of enormous size, with broad, heavy, loose petals, which produce a flower resembling a marvelous rose. Erect grower with strongest possible stems. \$2.50
PAUL MICHAEL—Golden bronze. Has big record as prize winner for largest dahlia in show. Sometimes sold under name of "California Gold." Very good. \$2.00
PIONEER—Mahogany red. Full, broad petalled variety, produced freely on long, wiry stems. A decidedly new and beautiful coloring

PORTHOS—Deep layender or heliotrope. Medium sized flower of excellent coloring and fine stems.  A Holland importation that has attracted much attention. \$1.00
PRIDE OF CALIFORNIA—Bright red. Large flower, free bloomer. Fine red for garden and cutting. 75c
PRIDE OF SAN FRANCISCO—Bright Salmon pink with gold suffusion. A charming flower of medium size that is always held crect on the stem. It is an unusually good cut flower variety.  \$2.50
ROOKWOOD—New shade of bright cerise pink, "the color of the Mrs. Chas. Russell rose". This dahlia has been a favorite with us ever since its introduction. The exceptional bloom is exquisitely formed of broad, loose petals and is held upright on a perfectly straight stem. The low, spreading bushes are a mass of blooms all season. It has been a prize winner from the beginning and must really be seen to be appreciated
ROSA NELL—Clear bright rose. Very full flower of immense size and best possible stem. A Los Angeles dahlia that is first class
SENORITA—Very dark red or maroon. Very large, strong stemmed dahlia that is very close to the hybrid eactus type. Has won prizes as largest dahlia in show and is excellent for all purposes, \$1.50
SHOWER OF GOLD—Brilliant yellow deepening in color toward the center. Slightly fluted petals, Free bloomer and good cut flower
SHUDOW'S LAVENDER—Silvery lavender shading to white This exceptional dahlia with every good point has supplied the long felt need of a dahlia of lavender coloring
ST. BERNARD—Light yellow suffused with pink. Extremely large, full flower of excellent formation.  One of the best for exhibition
ST. FRANCIS—Soft cream with a suffusion of glowing pink on the outer petals. A large full flower that blooms early and late and holds its center to the end of the season. Will not fail to give satisfaction.  \$3.50
SUFFRAGETTE—Light clear yellow. It will produce an abundance of fine blooms on good stems.  Sometimes the petals are tipped white, but it is equally pretty whether solid or tipped\$2.00
SUNNY CALIFORNIA—Gold quite heavily suffused with red. The color combination is very pleasing and the flowers are large and strong. We consider it a valuable addition to our collection.  \$3.50
SUSAN G. TEVIS—Deep lilac. This shade is new and different. Some of the flowers have a light penciling of white through the center of the petals. The bush is habitually covered with large graceful blooms, held on top of long strong stems. The unusual dark foliage is in fine contrast to the rich color of the flowers
T. A. LEONARD—Deep cerise Giant flower with peculiarly rolled petals, which blooms with exceptional freedom during the entire season. This was one of the most attractive dohlias in the garden. \$2.00
THE GRIZZLY—Deep, velvety maroon. A very large flower with reflexed petals which blooms freely on good stems
TOMMY ATKINS—Brightest scarlet. A brilliant shade found in no other dahlia. The refined but irregular formation of the large flower is new as well. The stem is the best possible and the blooms are freely produced. This would be a valuable addition to any collection
TRYPHINNIE—Shell pink with darker reverse. Large flower on very strong stem. This flower lasts a long time on the bush and is a good keeper when cut
W. E. COOPER—Clear true pink with no suggestion of lavender or mauve. Its color cannot be improved upon and it has size, stem, freedom of bloom and good keeping qualities when cut. Those who have a preference for pink cannot resist it. \$2.50
WIZARD OF OZ—Bright salmon pink. The mammoth blooms of exquisite formation are abundantly produced on a very robust plant of medium height. This dahlia has a great host of admirers.  \$5.00
Cactus Dahlias
Long, narrow, pointed petals, full to the center, resembling a chrysanthemumThe American cactus is coarser petaled than the English type, but not as heavy or large as the hybrid cactus.
AMBASSADOR—Soft yellow buff shading to salmon pink. The flowers are of enormous size and have unusual stems for a dahlia of the American cactus type. This is the sensational dahlia that sold for \$50.00 per tuber when first introduced, and we know of no better variety. Our stock has always produced flowers with perfectly closed centers throughout the entire season
ANTOINETTE—Delicate lavender rose. A most free-blooming hybrid of a pleasing new color and with good formation and stem. Good for all purposes. \$4.00
BALLET GIRL—Orange edged white, sometimes solid orange or white on the same bush. English type of new coloring with fine formation, large size and good stem
CINDERELLA—Pale salmon pink shading to tan at the center. A very large hybrid cactus with long, tubular petals, having a tendency to flatten toward the center. The cane-like stem holds the flower up straight, showing its depth and fullness to good advantage. A very high class variety.  \$5.00



PEONY TYPE

CORONA—Clear yellow. English cactus with numerous florets, which though only slightly incurved flower
CURLEW—Bright lavender rose. Beautiful English cactus with long incurved florets, very large and full
DADDY BUTLER—Deep rosy carmine, reverse of petals a lighter tint. A magnificent hybrid that is one of the freest bloomers in the garden and will last for days when cut. We consider it one of the most satisfactory dahlias for all purposes
ELIZABETH BUTLER—Light old rose shading to vellow in the center. Dainty flower that is ideal for cutting. Bushes are tall and bloom freely. Hybrid\$2.50
EMPIRE—Raspberry red. A bewildering color and a bold, perfectly formed flower of the American type. A first-class cactus dahlia\$3.00
F. W. FELLOWES—Orange or terra cotta. Good color, good size and stem. English cactus75c
FRANCES LOBDELL—Clear mallow pink shading to white at the center. Strong, low growing hybrid, having broad pointed petals and of good size. One of the Jersey collection
GALATEA—Soft yellow with a very slight pink suffusion. The numerous big blooms are composed of long, wavy petals and are carried on long stiff stems. The tall plant has good growing habits.  An excellent yellow hybrid
GEO. WALTERS—Pinkish salmon shading to yellow. Very large hybrid cactus that blooms freely on good stems
GLADYS BATES—Tan with a reverse of rose. American cactus of good size, form and habit. Continuous bloomer. \$1.50
ISLAM PATROL—Deep red tipped gold. Hybrid cactus of great size and depth. The plant is a vigorous grower and the countless blooms are held up straight on long, stiff stems. For cutting or garden decoration it is invaluable
JEAN CHAZOT or GAY PAREE—Golden bronze. American cactus type of rich coloring, good formation and fine stem. This is a French dahlia that is a good variety for florists and a valuable addition to its class
JUNE—Creamy tan. Many fine, incurved petals go to make up this dainty little American cactus.  Long wiry stems and a prolific bloomer

LA FAVORITA-Most brilliant orange. Very best formation, always full to the center, long stem. MAKU—Most delicate shell pink suffused with a deeper shade of the same color. Very graceful incurved hybrid on good stem. A fairy-like flower, as the name, which is "fairy" in Chinese, would imply.

\$3.00 MARIPOSA-Light pink shading deeper at the center and with a faint violet suffusion. Hybrid. The OBERON—Deep old rose with a heavy violet suffusion. Hybrid. Very double well formed flowers on straight stems. Good color and good bloomer. \$2.50 PAPILLON—Old rose and gold. A greatly improved Geo. Walters which is stronger and brighter. A PARADISE—Creamy old rose suffused with bronze, giving a brown effect. Another on the style of Geo. Walters, it has been ealled "the brown Geo. Walters." The flower is extremely large and the stem of more than ordinary length and thickness. \$3.50 REGENT—Bright lavender pink. American cactus of great merit. Large flower with numerous long, incurved petals completely covering the center. \$1.50 SIDNEY JONES-Pale rose pink shading to yellow at the center. Large English cactus with very fine SILVERHILL PARK-White. English cactus with long fine petals nicely incurved. Good size and fair stem. \$2.00 SPA-Deep lilac. Hybrid cactus of dwarf growth, but producing nice flowers plentifully on good stems. \$1.50 ST. CLAIRE—Light clear pink shading to a pink and cream suffusion at the center. The long petals are flat and broad at the base and pointed and rolled at the tips. The flower has very great depth as well as diameter, and the long pointed perfect center is probably the most unusual feature of the whole flower. Good stem and free bloomer. \$4.00 TALISMAN-Bright red with a bright tan reverse and tipped with tan at the center. Typical hybrid eactus formation and a distinct color combination. \$2.50 THE EAGLE—Sulphur yellow. Hybrid cactus that is large with good stem and good keeping qualities. 

#### **Peony Dahlias**

Semi-double flowers showing a bright yellow center, often having small twisted petals circling about the center.

ALMA DAVIES—Bright apricot or salmon. A very artistic and vigorous peony of rich coloring Large size and best stem
CHANSON—Deep lilac with a bluish sheen. The nearest approach to blue in a dahlia. It is a big, heavy peony and has proven satisfactory in every respect. \$1.00  CITY OF PORTLAND—Clear rich yellow. Novelty of immense size and true peony type formation. Exceptional bloomer, very conspicuous. \$1.00
DREAMLIGHT—Pale old rose. A very pleasing color and one of the pest peonies. In some sections it may come decorative, but with us it has always been true to type with numerous curling petals around the center.  \$2.50
ELIZABETH BOSTON—Deep crimson shading to gold at the tips. One of the largest and best dahlias that we heartily recommend for all purposes. Free blooming and sturdy

size to recommend it, but every other good quality as well—the best of stems, freedom of bloom, and most unusual keeping qualities when cut. Should be in every garden. \$2.00

GLADYS CHAMPION—Deep yellow with red shadings on the reverse of the petal. Huge flower com-

GORGEOUS-Golden yellow shading to scarlet. One of the largest dahlias we grow. It has not only

MEYERBEER—Bright velvety purple, contrasting elegantly with the golden center. Large, free flowering and good cut flower. 75c

MRS. JOHN BRAY—White heavily striped and speckled with maroon. Prolific bloomer of good size and habit
UNCLE SAM-Orange buff and copper. Has taken prizes in the East as largest flower in the show
It is a tall, strong grower and sometimes the flowers are so very large they are too heavy for the stem. \$2.50
VIVANDIERE—Bright cerise. Very large, free flowering variety that is a valuable addition to the peony class. When you are short of flowers for cutting you can always rely on Vivandiere to help you out. It is a mass of blooms at all times. \$1.50

# Collarette Dahlias

With a single row of broad petals and having a collar of small petals around the center.

AMATO—Deep cerise with pale yellow collar	.00
CHARTREUSE—Light creamy yellow with yellow collar\$1.	00
DORA FISHER—Bright pink with white collar	0c
DUMAS—Golden yellow with red suffusion, yellow collar	00
FRANK HARRIS—Brownish red with collar of yellow and red	00
GASCON—Crimson edged yellow with yellow collar	5c
MT. LASSEN—Orange red with yellow collar	0c
SAN MATEO STAR—Clear cerise edged white with white collar	00
SOUV. BEL ACCUEIL—Most brilliant orange with yellow collar	0c
VAUBAN-Deep maroon with collar of maroon and white.	0c
WM. WELSH—Creamy yellow with collar of same color5	0c

# Show Dahlias

Old fashioned ball shaped flowers with tightly quilled petals.

BLACK DIAMOND—Deepest maroon	50c
ESMOND—Clear yellow.	50c
GEN. HAIG—Scarlet.	\$1.00
GLORY OF LYONS—Pure white	50c

# English Single Dahlias

Very small flowers with a single row of petals.

FUGI SAN—Yellowish	bronze	with	crimson	ring	around	the	center50c
UNION JACK-White	evenly	edged	red				50c

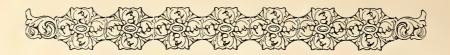
#### Pom Pom Dahlias

Very small compact flowers. The smaller the better, so do not require disbudding.

ACE OF DIAMONDS—Bright red.	50c
ADELAIDE—Cream shading to pink.	50c
AIMEE—Bronze.	50c
ANNIE DONCASTER—Soft yellow and mauve	50c
BOB—Dull red.	50c
CECIL—Bright deep red.	50c
DANDY—Bright orange.	75c
DARKEST OF ALL—Deep maroon	50c
DEE DEE—Pure lavender	50c
DORIS—Soft cream.	50c
EDITH BRYANT—Orange edged red	50c
ELIZABETH—Orange tipped bright red	75c
HELEN COTTRELL—Mauve pink.	50c
HYPATIA—Salmon pink.	50c
IDEAL—Bright yellow	50c
JOAN—Yellow suffused with red	50c
JOE FETTE—White.	50c
JOHNNY—Maroon.	50c
LASSIE—Deep dull old rose	50c
LILIAS—Cream heavily suffused with pink	75c
LITTE BEESWING-Bright red shading to yellow at center	50c
LITTLE DAVID-Deep orange	75c
MACBETH-Light pink tipped with rose	50c
MAJOR—Deepest old rose shading to yellow	75c
MIDGET—Light salmon.	50c
MILDRED-Pink suffused with white.	50c
NELLIE FRASER-Mauve pink.	50c
NERISSA—Silvery pink.	50c
OMEGA—Amethyst.	50c
PEE WEE-Soft yellow shading to brown at center	50c
REGULUS—Purplish maroon.	50c
RENO—Old rose shading to gold.	75c
ROSEA—Lilac shading lighter at center	50c
ROSEBUD—Deep rose shading to white at center	50c
SAMMY—Gold	50c



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